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nothing else to write about, has fall n into the habit of taking up "certain country papers" and lambasting them on account of their alleged failure to print gratis, "certain" stuff that is being sent out by the state board of the Lewis and Clark fair. By so doing the Telegram is playing the role of a very cheap advocate. - If employed by the comissioners it is hardly earning its money. If not employed, for the sake of the fair, it would better save its space.

The facts are the "country papers' have done and are doing more than all other agencies combined for the 1905 fair. Without the support of the country press the half million dollor aphave passed the last legislature. Because of the friendly disposition shown by the country press the board is not warranted in still not only asking space but dictating what shall go into that space. Beggars cannot be choosers, When Lydia Pinkham asks for space it is sold to her with the privilege of furnishing her own copy. The fair board has put the Lewis and Clark fair on the same plane with Lydia Pinkham's pills and an appeal is made to country papers in sweet charity's name to advertise their wares. If left alone the country papers will support the fair, but they will do it in their own way. They is instructed to send the left-over trash a country that guarantes to each perto the "country papers," and the "coun- fect liberty of conscience. try press', is showing good judgment in rejecting it. News, not ancient history, is what the papers want, and if in its editorial utterances and fair with the state board of fair commissioners its contemporaries, even with the will furnish the country press with real "country press," but its "way off" in

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The Portland Telegram, when it has ive news at the same time it is give the metropolitan papers it will be accepted with thanks. The delayed uninteresting stuff it has been sending

The Tacoma Ledger is certain the dispatch from San Francisco telling o the efforts of Harriman to maintain that city as the great part of the Pacific as against Seattle, meant Tacoma rather than Seattle as the rival of San Francisco. And after admitting Tacoma is not afraid of rivalry and making a guessthat Harriman's big shops, after all will be located at Tacoma, the Ledger proceeds to give its reasons, which, in the main, amusing as it may seem, propriation for the enterprise would not applies to Astoria as against Tacoma. For instance, following the line of least resistance, this is the natural point for trade of the Northwest to concentrate; we have the shortest route to the Philippines and beyond, and facilities for transition from rail to water.

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the present Godless trend, if he or other, are doing it now, with scarcely an ex- religionists be not allowed to intrude ception. What the papers object to is his or their sectarian ideas on the pubthe stuff sent out and the time it is lic schools. The answer seems simple. sent. It is the practice with the board Bring into his church and convert the to let the Portland papers have any- parents, and they will attend to the thing of a newsy nature that occurs in religious training of their rhildren at connection with the fair, and the sec- home. In school they will be given the relary, who is not a newspaper man, secular education this country provides

The Telegram is usually reasonable

what character of stuff they shall run

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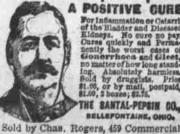
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